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DIFFERENCES OF OPINION.

"Fine Words Butter no Parsnips."

General Denunciation.

A SENATORIAL EPISODE.

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EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

WHAT ABOUT THE EXODUS.

This is the question which one hears at the hotel, the theatre, in the street, in the halls of legislation, in the parlor, and indeed in the church itself; for be it known that several distinguished gentlemen of the cloth have recently edified their congregations by learned discourses upon the migratory character of mankind and in their researches and illustrations going back to the adamic ages.

While there is a difference of opinion as to the causes underlying the exodus now going on, there is complete unanimity as to the industrial, financial and social effects upon the communities loosing this labor, as well as the hardships, privations and disappointments which await the panting emigrant at the very threshold of his Mecca—Kansas.

Even at this early period when the movement can scarcely be said to have assumed such form as to warrant reasonable conjecture as to its ultimate proportions, the panic, which is sure to follow in the wake of forces which disturb the business interests of a large and important section of the country, is already expressing itself in the unwillingness of great mercantile centers like Boston, New York and Philadelphia to make further advances to Southern merchants. Intelligent business men of the South see and properly appreciate these coming events which cast their shadows before, and they are endeavoring to prevent the catastrophe by what may be properly termed half-way measures. They are directing their attention to the partial reduction of land rents and the correction in a very limited sense, of the evils which have sprung from the oppressive lien laws of some of the states. The day for half-way measures has passed.

They will find ere another year rolls away that "fine words butter no parsnips," and that performances rather than promises are demanded by the present situation.

But few of them are willing to concede, though they know it to be true, that the insecurity of the persons and property of the colored people and the general denial of political rights are the real and most potential causes of the hegira. A few prominent colored men have by their strenuous opposition to this movement, drawn upon themselves suspicion, contumely and even the charge of being traitors to their race; but firmly as they have stood, gallantly as they have opposed what they conceive to be a gross and disastrous mistake on the part of those aiding and encouraging it, will, unless the white people correct the evils of which we justly complain, be swept away by the rising storm. Already Marshal Douglass has been driven to revision of his judgment upon this question—a complete change of front. His explanations are those usually made by public men when they find themselves running counter to public sentiment. The coming elections at the South will decide the whole question

THE HULL MURDER.

The murder of Mrs. Hull, in New York, by the colored man Cox, has given occasion in certain quarters for a general denunciation of the colored people, and more than one newspaper has gone so far as to advise against the employment of colored people as servants. It reminds one of the cry which sustained persecution and outrage against our people up to a recent date, that "the crime of one negro is the crime of all."

CONKLING—LAMAR.

For two weeks the press has teemed with a little episode in the Senate between Conkling and Lamar. The friends of each have indulged in hero worship of the most fulsome sort as though the United States Senate had become a prize ring in which language, whose grossness suggests the classic precints of Billingsgate in London, was fitting and proper. Had these two grave Senators been promptly brought before the bar of the Senate and been reprimanded for the use of unparliamentary language the whole matter would have ended there and the Senate would have vindicated itself.

MINISTER LANGSTON.

Some wag, for want of better employment, circulated the report that Hon. John M. Langston died of yellow fever, and within three days after this announcement the Department of State had received one hundred and sixteen applications for the position, each backed by a long list of admirers who endeavored to convince the Secretary that their particular candidate possessed stronger claims, greater qualifications, more court religion and greater admiration for the Secretary himself than all the other one hundred and fifteen combined. Indeed, five of them presented letters largely signed by colored men throughout the country, from which I extract the following: "Sir, inasmuch as you are the only true representative colored man who has endorsed the President's southern policy, we take the liberty of addressing you this letter to ascertain what assurances you have that the colored people will be fairly and justly treated, and that the present adminstration will, in the distribution of federal patronage, recognize our public men." It is said the Secretary shook his head and replied in the language of Thurman, "That won't do, I have a faint recollection of having been gulled by just such a letter in the beginning of my adminstration." That we have the joyful assurance that our Minister to Hayti is not dead and there is no immediate probability of a vacancy, a general withdrawal of letters of recommendation is in order and the Department of State is undergoing about as much tribulation in the return of the communications as it did in their receipt and necessary reading.

ROLLA.

THE Greenbackers of Mississippi are behind in organization but full of zeal, which will soon enable them to stand shoulder to shoulder with their brethren of Maine. They will have a State mass meeting at Jackson, Mississippi, early in July and the Fourth is likely to be selected as a suitable day on which to make a declaration of independence from the Burbon Democracy. Gen. A. M. West, Thos. W. Harris, of Holly Springs; Captain Stevens, of Water Valley; Gen. Reuben Davis, of Aberdeen; John T. Hulls, of Jackson; Dr. Atkins, Fleet Cooper, Major Harmon, and a legion of gallant men are moving to the front to oppose the Bourbons.—*National View.*

Green-turtles—Those that allow themselves to be caught.

MISSISSIPPI.

An Aristocratic Wedding.

The Bride's Father Officiates.

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ALCORN UNIVERSITY, July 2, 1879.

EDITORS LOUISIANIAN:

As I was the recipient of an invitation to be present to witness the marriage of Miss Emma R. Revels, daughter of ex-Senator Revels, to Mr. B. F. Garrett, of Canton, Miss., I have concluded to send you a short account of the affair, believing as I do that it will be of interest to a number of your readers, especially those who may be personally acquainted with the parties.

Ex-Senator Revels, who had the distinguished honor of being the first colored man who ever occupied a seat in the Senate of the United States, is at present, the President of Alcorn University, an institution that is supported by the State for the education of young colored men. He is the father of six children, all girls, two of them are now grown. Miss Emma R. Revels, the bride of the occasion, is now in the nineteenth year of her age. She is quite large, but she has a pleasing and an attractive countenance and a captivating expression. Having been brought up under the immediate supervision and direction of her pious parents, she is believed to have been so thoroughly and completely trained in all matters pertaining to domestic affairs, that she can now intelligently appreciate and confidently assume the grave and important responsibilities incident to married life.

Mr. Garrett is now in the twenty-third year of his age. He attended school at Alcorn several years ago, during which time his partiality for the young lady whom he has selected as the partner of his life is believed to have commenced. He is at present and has been for some time, the principal of the colored school at Canton. He is a young man of excellent habits and first-class business capacity and is connected with one of the best families in central Mississippi.

Precisely at the appointed hour, the bridal party, preceded by the father and mother of the bride, made their appearance in the capacious parlor, and were, in the presence of a number of friends and admirers, united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. Dr. Revels, father of the bride, officiating. After the happy couple had received the congratulations of all present, the guests were invited out to partake of a bountiful supper that had been prepared under the especial directions of Mrs. Revels, who, as a house-keeper and hostess can not be surpassed by any one. The supper was first-class in every respect and was heartily enjoyed and highly appreciated by all who had the good fortune to be present.

The number of persons present was not large but very select. Among others we noticed Misses Emma Dixon, Marcella Harrison and Mrs. Hattie Miller of Vicksburg, Mrs. E. J. Burrus of Yazoo and Mrs. E. G. Felding, of Canton, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sessions and Miss Florence Day of Fayette, Mr. and Mrs. John Wooley and Mr. and Miss Snodgrass, of Claiborne County. Port Gibson was represented in the persons of Mr. T. Richardson, (P. M.) and Mr. B. Killian. Misses Johnstons, Nicks and others were expected from Natchez, but for some unavoidable reason they could not make it convenient to attend. The historic City of Natchez, therefore, a place which is noted for the excellence of its social circle, was represented by two gentlemen in the persons of Mr. A. Barland and Ex-Representative Lynch.

As Professor Montgomery and Tutor Clark were necessarily absent, the faculty was ably represented in the persons of Tutor H. H. Baker, who, by the way, seems to be quite a favorite among the ladies.

I will not attempt to give a description of the toilets of the ladies, as I doubt my own capacity to do so without making invidious distinctions. I was informed, however, by one who ought to be a critic in such matters, that the finest and most handsomely dressed ladies, except the bride of course, were Misses Dixon, Harrison, Day and Mrs. Burrus, Sessions and Felding. The bride's dress was white argovdie, made in the "Princess" style, trimmed elaborately with valenciennes lace and looped with white satin bows. Her train was about two yards long. Her jewelry was quite brilliant, consisting in part of diamonds and pearls, though by no means gorgeous. Her veil reached to the bottom of her dress and was looped exquisitely with orange flowers.

The bridal presents were numerous, useful and valuable. The happy couple took passage on the Steamer Dean on Thursday for their new home at Canton, where they carry with them the sincere congratulations and best wishes of a host of admiring friends.

Respectfully yours,
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TENSAS PARISH.

EDITOR LOUISIANIAN:

The Republicans of Tensas are very anxious to know whether the party will enter the next canvass with a State ticket or not, and if so, what course will be recommended to the Republicans in the parishes. The *true* Republicans of this parish are willing to place their shoulders to the wheel and give the old ship another strong shove for a place in front.

Brought face to face with the Southern white people, we must seek and obtain the co-operation of all true hearted men among them who are willing to act with us.

Many of the old leaders in this parish have proven insincere and unworthy public servants, and the time has come for us to find others more worthy and deserving of our support. Such a course is our only salvation. Has it come to pass, after ten years of life, that the Republican party in Louisiana can not find a man in its ranks able to lead to victory? For one I think better of the glorious old party. There is talent and wealth among us and a sufficient number of well wishers who are willing to assist us if the right move is made. We of Tensas say, let it be made and made at once.

ST. JOSEPH.

THE way to stop all this nonsense about State rights, and to settle the question as to whether the leaders of the rebellion are vindicated or not, is for the people of the North to rebuke the Democracy by heavy majorities against them at first opportunity. This is a leading issue.—*Inter Ocean.*

The nimble-footed mule is used as the light fantastic tow for a canal boat.

CALDWELL PARISH.

On the 22nd ult., one of the largest congregations ever assembled in these parts gathered in and about Good Hope Church, to listen to the funeral sermon of Rev. Watt Duncan, who died on the 15th 1879.

Rev. Cenzar Dillard, of Columbia; Rev. William Hambleton, of Monroe; Rev. Richard Clark, of Ouachita; Rev. Goodman Antoine, of Franklin; Elder William Lagan and others participated in the services which were solemn and imposing. It is estimated that not less than 2300 people were in attendance among whom were a goodly number of whites.

The people in this section are watching the proceedings of the convention with great interest and deep concern. The speech of Ex-Gov. Pinchback of June 9th, has been highly appreciated by our people and also the speech on the State debt; he is regarded up this way as an able representative of our race.

The Kansas fever has broken out in the lower part of the parish.

ROOMS AUXILIUS CLUB,
No. 324 Customhouse Street,
New Orleans, La., June 30, 1879.

Rev. Hugh Miller Thompson, D. D.,
Rector Trinity Church:

DEAR SIR—Our committee represent an organization having for its object the establishment of reading rooms in this city.

We are anxious to do something by which our interest can be shown in the efforts now being made by the Auxiliary Sanitary Association in preserving the health of the city. To that end we purpose to have a lecture delivered under the auspices of our club for the benefit of the Auxiliary Sanitary Association.

Our project, on motion of Mr. Ed. Fenner, has received the endorsement of the Executive Committee. We would be pleased to have you deliver said lecture at such time as will suit your pleasure. We trust you will find it agreeable and convenient to give us a favorable response for we believe our objects are laudable and deserve the hearty co-operation of all classes of our citizens.

Very respectfully,
JAMES D. KENNEDY,
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NEW ORLEANS, July 1st, 1879.

Messrs. Kennedy, Henderson, Vance and Hall:

MY FRIENDS—I have received with pleasure your request and invitation of the 30th of June with pleasure, because that important portion of our population which you represent is evidently trying to take its place in working for the prosperity of our fair city and State.

It will give me great satisfaction to deliver an address or lecture as you ask, say on the evening of Thursday, the 17th of the present month, at such place as you may decide. The title of the lecture, for want of a better, might be "Earth, Air and Water."

Wishing you success in all your efforts in this or any other direction for the elevation and enlightenment of so important a part of the citizenship of Louisiana. I am very truly yours,

HUGH MILLER THOMPSON.

Pursuance to the above correspondence the lecture will take place at St. Phillips Church Thurday, July 17th.

NEWSPAPER CONVENTION.—We spoke a few weeks ago of the propriety of calling a Newspaper Mass Convention, to consider their material interest and grievances. A few of our exchanges have taken up the matter, and speak favorable to the movement. We desire to hear from all that the matter may be brought to consideration. Let us hear from you brother exchanges.

The above is from the *Western Sentinel verbatim et literatim.* In view of the fact that, it asserts the late National Conference resulted in no benefit to the race and that "a flow of "gas" is all that can serve as a memento of that National Conference," convicts that paper of inconsistency. If a flow of "gas" is the sum total of the late National gathering of colored men then we say let it have no more of it.

"Now, Willie," said his anxious mother, "how did you get that big daub of molasses on your best jacket?" "Oh, symptitiously, ma!" and his peculiar wink saved him a boxed ear.

The Louisianian.

T. DE S. TUCKER, }
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MRS. M. J. HARVEY, of Greenville, Miss., a former resident of New Orleans, is visiting her mother at 104 Gasquet Street.

NEW YORK is metropolitan in everything but piety. Even the murders committed there rise above the level of the commonplace affairs of the kind in provincial cities.

OUR friends of the *Louisville Bulletin* copied about four or five little notes from our last issue, and did not give us credit for the same. It's all right neighbor, "but you know how it is."

IN the death of R. W. Rayne, Esq., New Orleans has lost one of its best citizens whose goodness of heart embraced all races, sects and conditions of men. A noble father in Israel has fallen.

COL. LOTT, of West Carroll, like Diogenes, is hunting in broad daylight, with the aid of a powerful investigating telescope, for rascals in the constitutional convention. So far, to the honor of Louisiana, be it said he has, stumbled only on honest men.

WE are pleased to notice the return home, from a brief Western tour, of Rev. Dr. Hartzell, of our esteemed cotemporary, the *Southwestern Christian Advocate*. The Doctor looks none the worse for his trip, but is rather better prepared for the discharge of his duties.

Col. Robt. Harlan, of Cincinnati, is a candidate for Clerk of the County Court of Hamilton County, Ohio. We trust he may be fortunate enough to secure the nomination and be elected. A club bearing his name and in his interest has been organized in the Queen City.

The LOUISIANIAN, of this city has changed editor. Ex-Governor Pinchback has retired from the editorship and Messrs. T. De S. Tucker, James D. Kennedy and James M. Vance, Jr., compose the editorial staff. These gentlemen will make an excellent paper, and we wish them great success.—*Southwestern Christian Advocate.*

Thanks, Dr. Hartzell, for the flattering opinion you entertain of our ability to furnish our patrons with a readable paper.

Several of the graduates of the Peabody Normal School at Minerva Hall, feel that an injustice has been done them in our report of the exercises. Ladies, you all looked so charmingly well and acquitted yourselves so handsomely, it is impossible for the LOUISIANIAN to have "gushed" out in equal measure on each of you without having been compelled to borrow more descriptive and feeling language from other than the dictionaries now in use. Remember that even the most impartial soul is human, and must naturally, while swinging between so many centres of literary and esthetic taste as you all are, at last gravitate to only *one*.

A Glaring Outrage.

In the Nashville Conference held a few months ago we were called upon to explain the action of the Mayor and Chief of Police of this city in ordering colored churches to be closed at 10 o'clock P. M. We stated that such an order had been issued, but that it was modified afterward and made to apply to white and black churches alike. Now it seems it is being enforced against the colored churches. The *Evangelist*, published in this city, and the organ of the Baptist denomination, gives the details of an outrage on public and individual rights that will not fail to awaken from the colored press a stern and manly rebuke. We quote the story from the *Evangelist*.

"On Thursday evening 19th ult., Rev. John Marks appeared at the church to have a meeting as usual, (that being the regular night to hold service) about 8 p. m. Just as he began to open service a policeman walked in the church with his hat on, club uplifted, rushed to the altar, stating to Rev. Marks that he had a warrant demanding his immediate arrest. "Be kind enough" says Rev. Marks, "to wait a few moments and I will furnish a bondsman." The policeman peremtorily refused, and said you Marks "Come on." Rev. Marks was taken in hand by the policeman and asked the officer to read the warrant, which he read as follows:

"On the 12th inst., you are charged by officer Morton with disturbing the peace in church."

Rev. Marks said I am ready, and walked to the door. Time he was outside of the gate he was surrounded by six or seven policemen, and the sargeant, and shamefully and mercilessly dragged through the streets to jail and locked up all night. They would not give bail for any amount. Mr. Frank Higby took a copy of the charges and went to Judge Sheehan's house to give bond. The judge asked him, where was his property situated, Mr. Higby said in Carrollton (seventh district of New Orleans;) the Judge said it was too far off. Mr. Robert Johnson next appeared to give bond. Judge said "I want to see your deeds. He (Johnson) returned home and brought his deeds and offered them to the Judge. The only excuse he could give was that he did not have time to examine the deed.

The third one came to the Judge's house to give bond. The only satisfaction he received was, that the Judge was not in; therefore Rev. Marks had to rest in prison the whole night, and next morning was carried about two miles through the streets to court. After refusing over five thousand dollars in real estate over night, the Judge only required one hundred dollars bond to appear Friday 27th, inst."

Perhaps no movement by the whites of the South against the rights and privileges of our people could cause such wide-spread alarm and dissatisfaction as this attack upon religious worship. They are a church going people. Their ministers are revered. All over the South, and especially in this State, their churches can be seen, living monuments of their devotion to God. The recent action of the peace officers of this city does not meet with the approval of the more intelligent and thinking portion of our white friends. It seems that those in authority are not keeping pace with the signs of the times. They do not seem to understand that just at this time when labor is agitated, that every movement of this kind causes a feeling of apprehension and alarm and gives impetus to the migration movement. They do not seem to know that religious intolerance has had its day and that since the time of Roger Williams we have become more and more independent in our religious views and more tolerant in their expression. Officers of the law cannot prescribe and limit the time of religious worship. The recent action of the police is an assault upon the privacy and sanctity of the church; and an invasion of the rights and privileges of a large class of our citizens. We protest against this mode of procedure, and we condemn the officials who instigated it. Let this be the last time such an outrage is attempted, or perhaps some of them may feel the force of the law.

The *Western Sentinel*, of Kansas City, has changed hands. Messrs Graham and Bowser have been succeeded by Messrs Robinson and Dixon as editors.

A Sensible Act.

The people will ere long be called upon to vote on the adoption of a new organic law for the government of the State. The welfare of Louisiana will, for many years, be largely determined by the wisdom or errors which will characterize the new constitution. It is, therefore, all important that it should embody, as far as human foresight can do so, every provision necessary for the highest development of the State's material prosperity. And chief among the needs of Louisiana is the diffusion of intelligence. Of all classes in the State, our people stand most in need of education. However widely Republicans and Democrats may differ as to the wisdom of reconstruction, the crustiest Bourbon must agree with the most fiery Stalwart that the education of the colored race is all essential to the future prosperity of our State. For this question of educating a people that they may become good, efficient citizens is neither a sentiment nor an abstract idea, but is as much of an admitted truth in the political economy of every well regulated State as the natural laws of right and wrong form the basis of moral science. Nearly every Southern State, recognizing this fact, has supplemented the common school education by founding a college for the higher cultivation of its colored youth. It is therefore with gratification we notice our State, in line of policy with her sister commonwealths of the South, has incorporated an ordinance in the proposed constitution for the foundation of a State University for our people. By reference to the proceedings of the Convention printed elsewhere, it will be seen that the late editor of the LOUISIANIAN introduced and secured the passage of the ordinance by an almost unanimous vote. We need not say the Delegate from Madison deserves well of our people; the act carries with it its own glory. We take special pleasure in mentioning his colleagues from the 5th District, as those who warmly supported him, Senators Gla and Young. To the rest of the colored members, especially Senator Stamps, we extend our congratulation; and last of all, to the Democrats who so generously aided the passage of this measure by their votes, we offer the thanks of our readers and people throughout the State generally. Such actions as this on their part will go farther than any amount of political speeches to beget the confidence of the race.

A Laudable Effort.

It will be seen by reference to the correspondence published in another column that one of our most prominent organizations has perfected arrangements by which our people will be given an opportunity to contribute something in the interest of the sanitary condition of the city. More than that, an opportunity is also presented of listening to one of the most learned and celebrated divines in the South on an all important subject, viz: "Earth, Air and Water."

Comprising, as we do, nearly one-third of the population of this great commercial centre, it behooves us to be jealous and careful of its interests, and especially of its sanitary condition. All classes, colors and conditions are effected when pestilence is abroad in our midst, scattering disease and death on every hand. We are not able to contribute as liberally as we would like, and as the importance of the undertaking demands, because our people are poor. In this instance, however, the admission fee is small and within the reach of all. The fame of the lecturer, the importance of his subject, the popularity of the organization under whose auspices it is given, and the great work being performed by the Auxiliary Association, ought to be the means of filling St. Philip's church with a highly intelligent and appreciative audience next Thursday evening, July 17, 1879. We hope our people will give a liberal and hearty response.

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Incorrect.

A rumor having been published in the New Orleans *Picayune*, of June 28, 1879, that Hon. T. T. Allain was repudiated by the Republicans in the Convention, his colleagues immediately rallied to his defense in the subjoined communication which the crowded state of our columns prevented us from publishing last week. The rumor doubtless grew out of the fact that a permanent organization of the Republicans took place the day after a sharp passage of words between Mr. Allain and Mr. Warmoth in the Convention. The incorrectness of the allegation will appear at once when it is known that the election of ex-Governor Pinchback, as permanent chairman of the Republican caucus, was made on the motion of Mr. Allain. We believe in "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION,
State House,
New Orleans, June 28, 1879.
To the Editor of the Democrat:

The undersigned Republican delegates to the Convention have noticed, in to-day's *Picayune*, an article which does great injustice to Hon. T. T. Allain, and we therefore communicate the facts of the case, that the false impression may be corrected.

Mr. Allain was appointed temporary chairman of the Republican caucus since the commencement of the session.

Yesterday, at its sitting, the caucus elected ex-Governor Pinchback permanent chairman, and proceeded to elect three representatives to serve on the Committee on General Revision, viz: Messrs. Pinchback, Pardee and Bourgeois.

The election of Mr. Pinchback to the permanent chairmanship of the caucus did not indicate that the Republican party repudiated Mr. Allain. Not one word was said there about Mr. Allain being repudiated by his party.

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The Convention.

On last Monday, the report of the Committee on Public Education relative to the State University being under consideration, an effort was made to remove the academical department to Baton Rouge. It was defeated by a large majority.

Delegate Pinchback offered the following substitute for article 2:

The General Assembly shall also establish in the city of New Orleans a university for the education of persons of color, provide for its government, and shall make an annual appropriation of not less than five thousand nor more than ten thousand dollars for its maintenance and support.

Delegate Stamps moved to strike out "five" and insert "ten."

On motion of Mr. Claiborne, by a rising vote of 65 yeas to 20 nays, the motion of Delegate Stamps was laid upon the table,

By a rising vote of 81 yeas to 23 nays, the substitute of Delegate Pinchback was adopted.

Messrs. Bridger, Land, Jenkins, Elam, Vance, Easterly, Gaskins, Luckett, Ogden, Gowers, Webb and Sutherlin voting "no." Mr. Matthews voting "yes."

Mr. Robertson explained his vote as follows:

This article giving better means of support than was granted to the white university, I vote "no."

Mr. Blanchard explained his vote as follows:

I vote "no" on the substitute offered by the gentleman from Madison [Mr. Pinchback] for article 2 of Ordinance No. 424, concerning a State university, for the reason that it places a maximum and minimum limit upon legislative appropriation, being a distinction in favor of the university for colored students over that for white students. I believe they should be put upon an equal footing as regards appropriations for their support.

Mr. Poche in the chair.

The following additional article was read:

Art. —. Women twenty-one years of age and upwards shall be eligible to any office of control or management under the school laws of this State.

By a rising vote of 56 yeas to 32 nays, the article was adopted.

The ordinance reported by the Committee on State Debt, in regard to the floating debt, was debated at great length and finally indefinitely postponed.

An ordinance providing for a loan of $25,000 to pay the expenses of the Convention was adopted on its second reading.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Bill of Rights was resumed.

Tuesday, the ordinance relative to the Free School, Seminary, and Agricultural and Mechanical College Fund, after considerable debate, was referred to a special committee.

The ordinance relative to a loan of $25,000 was finally passed.

The report of the Committee on Bill of Rights was amended and passed upon its second reading.

Wednesday, the report of the Committee on General Provisions occupied the most of the day.

The article relative to the sale of liquor on Sunday elicited a spirited debate, in which Messrs. Foreman, Demas, Young, Wells, Stamps, McConnell, Pinchback and Grimes took part in favor of, and Messrs. Poche, Blanchard and Mentz against its adoption. The proposition was amended so as to leave the question to the Legislature, and the ordinance on general provisions, after a few amendments, was finally adopted on its third reading.

Items of Interest.

The *Weekly Bulletin* comes to us in an enlarged form. We trust it indicates a healthy and prosperous condition.

The Fourth annual session of the Virginia Educational and Historical Society will be held in Lynchburg, Va., on the 15th inst.

The Constitution Party of California has a colored delegate in the person of John Moore. The *Appeal* says he is a Kearneyite.

The *North American Review* for July, has a fine article from the pen of Harriet Beecher Stowe on "The Education of the Freedmen."

The [illegible] *Times* a carpet-bagger. The *Times* says "you're another." Don't joke on facts, neighbors. Go for the widow of the *Pic.*

Mr. Edward J. Holmes, left for Philadelphia Wednesday evening to attend the quarterly meeting of the S. C. M. Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. He will not return until the 21st.

Mr. John W. Cooke, the popular and efficient route agent of the Str. J. M. White, has been granted a leave of absence by Supt. Terrell for a period of thirty days. He has "gone West" to recuperate.

The colored people in West Baton Rouge, Avoyelles and St. Landry parishes are holding mass meetings and raising money to send agents to Kansas to examine the country. So says the *Thibodaux Sentinel.*

The *People's Journal* devotes nearly two columns to the report of an interview between a committee of colored men and Commissioner Dent. They protest against the re-appointment of John H. Brooks, because he is "uncouth, unrefined and insulting in his manners and language.

The Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Conservator* is disgusted with society among the *bon tons* of that city. He has been looking at them via the Asbury Church. It is very evident he is "new there," and has never been to Dr. Crummell's church, or the church presided over by Rev. Frank Grimke.

Miss Florence Hayes, a highly intelligent colored lady, and one of the teachers in the public schools of Huntington, Tenn., was felled to the ground and kicked until nearly insensible by a white man, because she did not give his wife all of the sidewalk instead of half. He got thirty dollars worth of Tennessee justice.

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J. M. VANCE, Jr., Editor.

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 1879.

The season of gossiping has come, the saddest of the year.

Our "grammar" may be defective, but our facts never are.

Don't forget the lecture next Thursday evening, July 17, at St. Philip's Church.

A seaman never sees as many flaws in the wind as prejudice does in an impartial writer.

Mr. Geo. G. Johnson, who has been confined to his room for several days, suffering with neuralgia, we are pleased to note is convalescent.

We understand that the pic-nic of the Y. M. St. Joseph Association was a great success. We expected it to be so. We are sorry that circumstances prevented our being present.

We take pleasure in noting the fact that hereafter we will have the assistance of our young friend, Mr. H. C. C. Astwood, in the local department of this paper on all subjects of interest to our people.

Prof. A. P. Williams and family left for the Opelousas country on last Tuesday. He goes for rest and recreation. He will return in time to commence his school duties at the beginning of the next school term.

Our young friends, Gordon, Roxborough and De Salia from the parish of Iberville, have been spending a few weeks with us. They are in good health and spirits, and are seemingly enjoying themselves largely.

We understand that several of our lady teachers intend to organize a mutually co-operative society and remove for the summer across the Lake, where morning and evening they can catch the soft and exhilerating sea breezes. Excellent idea.

It seems that our report of the graduating exercises of the Normal School for Colored Students, which appeared in our last week's issue, has met with some disfavor. We are sorry for it, we all don't reason alike, but raising a muss won't do any good. Selah.

Miss Bailey and Mrs. Morgan will please accept our grateful thanks, and the thanks of our friends, for the many courtesies extended to us during our short sojourn in the city of Baton Rouge. The enjoyment had while on our visit will long live in our memories.

We learn from Mr. William Murrell, who has just returned from Delta, that the colored people of Madison parish celebrated the Fourth in grand style. The outpouring of the people was immense, and the enjoyment beyond all precedent. Mr. Murrell reports crops of all kinds to be under fine headway.

The "Big Four" have entered the social arena, and officially notify us that our "company is solicited" to attend their first complimentary basket pic-nic, on July 15, at the Orleans Park. Mr. Ed. D. Halsey is President, and Mr. Louis I. Barnett chairman arrangement committee. Accept our thanks, gentlemen. We'll be there.

The Sunday school "extravaganza" at the Turner's Hall, given for the benefit of the St. James Church, it is reported, has met with financial success. Misses Kennedy, Anderson, Allen and Thoroughgood impersonated the leading characters in a very admirable manner. The Sabbath school children, on the whole, acquitted themselves very creditably. The Rev. Green has commenced right. Entertainments of a similar character cannot fail to be equally as successful.

The growth of public sentiment in this community is simply wonderful. How circumstances do alter cases. We are all equally good and great, when by some extravagant or exaggerated statement we flatter each other's pride.

We understand that some people talk about "bouncing" us. Well, bounce away, gentlemen. The weather is warm now; but we warn you, if you attempt to put your threats into execution, we will make it still warmer for you.

The Americus "boys" are canvassing the city, and a sufficient number of tickets have already been sold to guarantee a large assemblage on the evening of the Rev. Dr. Thompson's lecture. That's the way to do it. Work will tell, and perseverance bound to succeed.

We understand that at the annual election of officers of the Young Veterans Benevolent Association, after an exciting contest Mr. Chas. Middleton was elected President. A good selection, one that will reflect credit upon the association in every particular.

The Young Veterans B. M. A. has sent us complimentary tickets for its grand anniversary parade and pic-nic, at Oakland Riding Park, on Monday, July 28, given for the benefit of its relief fund. Our old friends, Howard and St. Armand, are sufficient in themselves to secure a large attendance and a good time.

The Sons of Independence celebrated the 4th of July by a grand pic-nic at Loepers Park. Quite a large number were present. The following are its officers: Louis De Gruy; President; A. Emannel, Secretary; Louis M. Plicque, Chairman Arrangement Committee; A. C. Domingo, Chairman Reception Committee.

"The Blue Bells Social Club" send welcome to their friends in the form of an invitation to attend their "First Complimentary Basket Pic-Nic" at the Oakland Riding Park on the 15th inst. Our acknowledgements are hereby returned. President, Miss Georgia T. Riche; Secretary, Mr. George Dickson; Treasurer, Miss Mary L. Hinton. Messrs. Lewis and Vandauge are chairman of the arrangement and invitation committees respectfully.

Amidst lightning, thunder and rain, on last Thursday evening at 3:30 a. m., the steamboat St. Mary left her moorings carrying fully three hundred persons, bound for Baton Rouge. The Excursion had been extensively advertised, but the novelty of the undertaking, the great distance to go, the means of transportation, (that is by water,) and the length of time necessarily to be consumed on the trip, all combined, afforded the could'nt get aways, and the timid ones, ample argument to use against the excursion, which was not without its noticeable effect. The trip was pleasant and full of interest

On the morning of the Fourth, between the hours of eleven and twelve, the towering walls of the old State House, beautifully grand in their ruins, broke upon our gaze, and almost immediately afterwards crowds of moving people could be indistinctly seen standing upon the banks of the river. A cloud of curling snoke, and a booming sound told us that the good people of Baton Rouge were giving vent to their joy and pride in the old accustomed way. In the midst of a steam tug's whistling recognition, loud hurrahs, waving of flags and handkerchiefs and the booming of cannon, the St. Mary landed at the wharf at Baton Rouge. A reception committee from the Stone Square Lodge, F. A. M. took charge of the Constantine Commandery. A line of procession was then formed and the Commandery as the guests of the Masons of Baton Rouge, paraded through the principal streets with the Excelsior Band uniformed at its head. All along the line of march the streets were crowded with enthsiastic people, the marching and maneuvering of the Sir Knights drew forth hearty applause, the showing of the Commandery was beyond a doubt agreeably surprising to its friends in Baton Rouge.

After the parade the Sir Knights with a few visiting friends were right royally entertained at a banquet given in their honor by the Stone Square Lodge at Liberty Hall. The moonlight pic-nic given for the benefit of the Commandery was a very joyous affair. The State House grounds were beautifully and brilliantly illuminated, beneath flowery bowers, handsomely decorated tables fairly groaning under the weight of cooling ices, wines and sweet meats in abundance. We shall not soon forget the scene, nor the handsome charming ladies in whose agreeable company it was our good fortune to be thrown.

We desire, through this medium, to return our sincere thanks to Mr. Wm. T. Taylor for his generous and hospitable treatment, the kindness shown us, and his manifest desire to please us and make our stay pleasant shall not soon be forgotten. Speeches were delivered on on the grounds by Messrs. Caldwell, Gould and Vance, Jr. The homeward trip was devoid of accidents or any disagreeable occurences which could in the least mar the pleasure of the most fastidious. To Messrs. Burch, Gardiner, Malone and King we are indebted for numerous courtesies. Resolutions of thanks to the Captain of the boat were adopted by the excursionists, showing that good will prevailed throughout. The Baton Rouge excursion, from an enjoyable standpoint, was a great success.

The Colored Baptist State Convention, which met last Tuesday, is a very intelliget looking body of men. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. A. Fairfax; Vice President, Rev. Thomas Peterson; Recording Secretary, Rev. A. M. Newman; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. John Marks; Treasurer. The President read an elaborate paper pointing out the necessity for more harmony in the churches, etc. He spoke of the evils of intemperance, and referred to the exodus movement that the Convention might consider it at its earliest convenience. A committee was appointed on the President's address. A very important paper on education will be shortly presented to the Convention, a report of which will be given in our next issue. The attendance of visitors was very large.

As we go to press, the Convention has taken a vote on the proposition to qualify the suffrage defeating it by an overwhelming majority. The colored people of the State may well feel proud of the result. We shall revert to this matter in our next.

We are happy to learn that the New Orleans University (for colored youth) has appointed two of its late graduates to tutorships. This is a measure for which we have long contended as among the most efficient methods of educating our people. We congratulate the University on its wise action.

The pic-nic of the Pride of Jefferson Lodge G. U. O. of O. F., on last Monday, at Loeper's Park offerred much pleasure to those who attended. The Committee was composed of Messrs. Canfield, Smith, Simms and Hall. It was not a financial success.

Obituary.

Died, after a brief illness, at his residence in Caldwell parish, La., on the 15th of August last, Rev. Watt Duncan, a preacher of prominence among his people. He was about 52 years old, and for ten years past was a zealous minister of the gospel of Christ, having been ordained on the 2nd of October, 1869. From an early period of his illness, deceased seemed to be conscious of his approaching dissolution. He often requested prayer, and was engaged himself most of the time in prayer. He often exclaimed, "blessed and holy is he who has a part in the first resurrection, over such death has no power; they shall dwell in the presence of God, and be partakers of his glory forever." In answer to the question, do you dread death? he promptly answered "no," and again requested prayer, during which he was earnestly responsive in his "amens;" and after the prayer of his friend was over, continued to pray himself, repeating "there is a blessed land flowing with milk and honey in abundance, both for the great and the small." When earnestly appealed to, in the name of God, and asked, "do you think you are going to die?" said, "I know I am going to die, and often have I told you. I know I shall rise again and live forever." His wife, Lucy Duncan, says when I took hold of his hand he remarked, "Lucy, death is nothing when a man is prepared to die," and went on to quote from the 15th chapter of Revelations, expressing his readiness to go, and exhorting those around him to be faithful even unto death. Thus the good man died, realizing that it is not all of life to live, nor all of death to die. Mark the perfect man and the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

Philip Robinson.

CIRCULAR.

Your attention is called to the subjoined correspondence with the request that you give it the widest publicity among your friends:

New Orleans, La., June 28, 1879.

To the President and Members of the Auxiliary Sanitary Association:

Gentlemen—We represent a large class of citizens in our community who are extremely desirous of aiding you in your efforts to better the sanitary condition of the city. The Americus Club is an organization composed of young colored men. We propose to have a lecture delivered and desire the co-operation of your association.

The Rev. HUGH MILLER THOMPSON has consented to lecture on

"Earth, Air and Water."

We want the authority of the association to use their seal and we are willing to give it half the proceeds.

Trusting that our request will meet with a favorable response, we remain, very respectfully,

James D. Kennedy, James M. Vance, Jr., Alex. L. Henderson, John B. Hall.

Mr. Fenner offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the New Orleans Auxiliary Sanitary Association learns with satisfaction of the interest in hygiene as expressed in the communication of the Americus Club; and, in response, be it

Resolved, That this laudable effort in the interest of an improved sanitary condition receive our hearty co-operation.

The above lecture will be delivered at St. Philip's Church, corner Calliope and Prytania streets, on Thursday evening, July 17th, at 8 o'clock.

Admission, ~ - 25 cents.

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